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SUBJECT: CWC: ROK SUPPORT REQUESTED TO BLOCK IRAN BECOMING
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAIR

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¶1. (SBU) On January 31, Poloff delivered reftel instructions to Kim Jae-woo, Disarmament and Nonproliferation Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT). Kim stated that the ROK Ambassador at the Hague did not discuss the possibility of South Korea running for the Executive Council Chair of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). Kim explained that while Seoul would make the ultimate decision, any such bid would usually be initiated by the ROK Ambassador at the Hague. To date, the ROK Ambassador has not expressed any interest in the candidacy.

¶2. (SBU) Kim also shared that his office was unaware of Iran's desire to serve as the Executive Council Chair. Kim described the OPCW as a "well-oiled machine which does not require much attention." Kim stated that he appreciated the information shared and said he would distribute it to relevant ROKG offices, including his colleagues at the Hague.

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